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Increased Retention of Litter Max²

Vol - II

Purpose: Evaluate retention of different female tag designs in piglets from birth through harvest

Test Methods

- Studies were conducted in commercial operations
 - Four Different sites
 - Multiple genotypes
- Total number of pigs evaluated was 4,800
- Each animal was double tagged at birth
 - Square female in one ear
 - Round female in other ear
- Animals were harvested at commercial processing plants
- Harvest of animals was conducted over an eight week period
- Two points of tag loss evaluation
 - Harvest time
 - Post carcass preparation

Test Results

Birth to Market % Tag Loss			
Location	Round	Square	% Improvement
MN	5.89%	1.01%	83%
NC	1.52%	0.76%	50%

Birth to Post Carcass Prep % Tag Loss			
Location	Round	Square	% Improvement
IN	12.08%	6.94%	43%
IN	1.95%	0.98%	50%

Conclusions

- Square female design demonstrated superior retention for piglet ID from birth to harvest
- Square female design demonstrated superior retention post carcass prep
- Litter Max² is the only tag currently available with this superior design
- Litter Max² is the superior piglet tag for lifetime & harvest identification

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